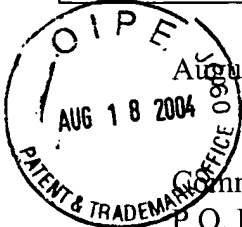




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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 10/090,329
Filing Date: March 4, 2002; Confirmation No. 5533
For: ***Adjustable, Reconfigurable Multi-Port Optical Fiber Coupler***
Inventor: SCHROLL, *et al.*
Our Ref: 02708.0029.NPUS00 (formerly 10001-29748)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated June 4, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Transmittal Letter to the Commissioner for Patents (*in duplicate*);
2. Issue Fee Due Transmittal (PTOL-85B) (*in duplicate*);
3. Letter to the Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings
including Figs 1, Figs 2A-2D and Fig. 3-5;
4. Two (2) Sheets of Replacement Drawings;
5. Our Check No. 421446 in the amount of \$1,360.00; and
6. One (1) Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

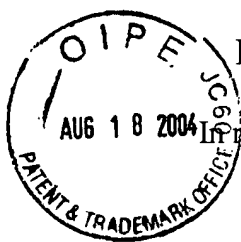
The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing the above docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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MULTI-PORT OPTICAL COUPLER**

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Submitted herewith are two (2) sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1, 2A-D, and 3-5, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. The application number, group art unit and attorney docket number appear in the top center margin of each sheet. Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawings into this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is required for filing this paper. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number the above docket number.

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